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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO EMBASSY FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE  
AMBASSADOR TO FRG NGUYEN PHUONG THIEP

1. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR IN BONN ASKED TO SEE ME PRIVATELY TODAY. HE WAS INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE MILITARY SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY, AND I EXCHANGED WITH HIM SUCH GENERAL INFORMATION AS WAS AVAILABLE TO US. HE THEN CAME TO THE PURPOSE OF HIS CALL, WHICH HE STRESSED WAS ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND NOT ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. AFTER DESCRIBING HOW HE AND HIS FAMILY HAD BEEN FIGHTING THE COMMUNISTS EVER SINCE 1949, PARTICULARLY IN HIS ROLES AS JOURNALIST, PARLIAMENTARIAN, DIPLOMAT, AND MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, AMBASSADOR PHUONG THIEP SAID THAT, WHILE HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT COME TO SUCH POINT, IF THE SAIGON GOVERNMENT PROVED UNABLE TO MOUNT CONTINUING RESISTANCE TO THE COMMUNISTS, HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING CONTINGENT PLANS TO EVACUATE THOSE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CITIZENS WHO WOULD BE MOST PERSONALLY ENDANGERED BY A COMPLETE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE HAD BEEN HEARTENED BY THE RECENT WORDS OF PRESIDENT FORD ON THIS SUBJECT.

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2. HE NOTED THAT CLOSE MEMBERS OF HIS OWN FAMILY,

BECAUSE OF HIS OWN LONG RECORD OF AN ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITY, WOULD BE PLACED IN PARTICULAR JEOPARDY. HE GAVE ME A LIST OF HIS CLOSE RELATIVES IN SAIGON (HIS FATHER HAD BEEN MURDERED BY THE COMMUNISTS YEARS AGO), AND ASKED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR INCORPORATION IN ANY COMPILATION OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE WHO WOULD BE IN GREATEST DANGER FROM THE COMMUNISTS.

3. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIFIC U.S. PLANNING IN THIS CONTEXT, BUT THAT I WOULD FORWARD HIS LIST TO WASHINGTON FOR SUCH ACTION AS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. HE STRESSED ONCE AGAIN THAT HE WAS APPROACHING ME ON A PERSONAL BASIS SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT OFFICIALLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITY WHICH SUGGESTED THAT IT HAD GIVEN UP HOPE. HE NEED NOT POINT OUT, HE ADDED, HOW UNDESIRABLE IT WOULD BE IF IT BECAME IN ANY WAY KNOWN THAT SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS ABROAD WERE SHOWING CONCERN ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THEIR FAMILIES.

4. THE LIST WHICH AMBASSADOR PHUONG THIEP HANDED ME IS AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. NGUYEN-PHUNG-LAM, BORN NGUYEN-THI-TRANG, MOTHER, C/O NGUEN-PHUONG-YEM, 138 LE-LAI SAIGON; TELEPHONE: 20.956

MR. PHAM-DUY-TU AND MRS. PHAM-DUY-TU, BORN HOANG-THI-AN, PARENTS-IN-LAW, 24 TRAN-QUY-KHOACH TAN-DINH SAIGON; TELEPHONE: 43.167

MRS. DANG-VAN-DINH, BORN NGUYEN-THI-TRIEM, SISTER, AND HER THREE CHILDREN, 125/135E CONG-LY SAIGON,

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TELEPHONE: 25.427

MR. PHUONG-YEM, BROTHER, EX-SENATOR,  
HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, 138 LE-LAI SAIGON;  
TELEPHONE: 20.956

MR. NGUYEN-PHUONG-TAM, BROTHER, EX SAIGON RADIO  
COMMENTATOR, HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, 528/8  
PHAN-THANH-GIAN SAIGON, OR C/O MRS. DANG-VAN-DINH;  
TELEPHONE: 25.427

MRS. NGUYEN-PHUONG-NHU, SISTER-IN-LAW, AND HER TWO  
CHILDREN, C/O MRS. DANG-VAN-DINH; TELEPHONE: 25.427

MR. DOAN-VAN-CAU, COUSIN, SENATOR, C/O MRS. DANG-  
VAN-DINH; TELEPHONE: 25.427.

5. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR PHUONG THIEP IS OBVIOUSLY A  
MUCH TROUBLED MAN, DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF  
HIS COUNTRY AS WELL AS HIS OWN IMMEDIATE FAMILY IN  
SAIGON. I ASSUME THAT OTHER AMERICAN AMBASSADORS  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD MAY BE RECEIVING SIMILAR APPROACHES  
FROM SOUTH VIETNAMESE DIPLOMATS. IF THERE IS ANY INFOR-  
MATION THE DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE WHICH I COULD USEFULLY  
PASS ON TO THE AMBASSADOR, THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
I SHALL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN AN EFFORT TO HELP  
SUSTAIN HIS MORALE.

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